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Conduct of elections by outgoing Presidents of District Boards.

* 1699 Q.—Mr. R. NAGAN GOWDA: Will the hon. the Minister for Education and Local Self-Government be pleased to state—

(a) in how many of the District Boards, the President whose term was expiring conducted the election of the President for the ensuing period;

(b) in how many of such cases the President for the expiring period also stood as a candidate;

(c) in how many of the above cases the President for the expiring period was re-elected; and

(d) whether the Government are aware of any reasons for the re-election of Presidents of expiring periods?

A.—(a) The Government have no information on the point in respect of the elections of presidents of district boards held prior to January 1927. Since January 1927 elections have been held in nine cases before the terms of the outgoing presidents expired. The Government have no information whether in these cases the outgoing president arranged the preliminaries for the election. In all these cases except one where information is not available on the point the meetings held for the elections were not presided over by the outgoing president.

(b) In eight cases excluding the one referred to in the answer to clause (a) for which information is not available.

(c) In seven cases.

(d) The Government have had no occasion to consider the question.

Mr. S. SATYAMURTI:—"With reference to the answer to this question, may I know whether the Government contemplate the amendment of the Local Boards Act or whether there is any proposal to prevent these District Board Presidents resigning before their term expires and from conducting the elections before their term expires?"

The hon. Dr. P. SUBBARAYAN:—"Yes; that is a matter which is being dealt with."

Trifurcation of Rajahmundry Taluk Board.

* 1700 Q.—Mr. K. V. R. SWAMI: Will the hon. the Minister for Education and Local Self-Government be pleased to state with reference to question No. 673 answered on 26th November 1928—

(a) whether the report called for from the President, District Board, East Godavari, in November 1927 on the question of trifurcation of Rajahmundry Taluk Board has been received;

(b) for how long this question has been under consideration; and

(c) whether the Government have arrived at any decision on the question?

A.—(a), (b) & (c) The President has not yet submitted the report.

Mr. K. V. R. SWAMI:—"It is stated that the President has not yet submitted the report. May I know for how long this question has been under the consideration of the Government?"

The hon. Dr. P. SUBBARAYAN:—"We cannot act without getting the report from the President, District Board."